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INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED GOE NOTES TO US AND USSR CONCERNING PLO
PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA

REFERENCE: CAIRO 1536

1. SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY TARASENKO ASKED TO CALL ON
MATTHEWS (NEA/EGY) FEBRUARY 14 URGENTLY. HE SAID SOVIET
EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED CABLE FROM MOSCOW ASKING EMBASSY TO
COORDINATE WITH DEPARTMENT ON WHAT KIND OF REPLY SHOULD
BE GIVEN TO EGYPTIAN QUOTE NOTES UNQUOTE ALLEGEDLY
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DELIVERED TO SOVIET AND US GOVERNMENTS REQUESTING THAT PLO

BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA TALKS. TARASENKO SAID IT WAS UNCLEAR FROM MOSCOW'S CABLE WHETHER SUCH NOTES IN FACT EXISTED AND HE WAS INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER USG HAD RECEIVED ANY SUCH NOTE. MATTHEWS INFORMED HIM OF GIST OF REFTEL CONCERNING APPARENTLY ERRONEOUS AL AHARAM REPORT, AND SIRRI'S DISCLAIMER OF ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AL AHARAM REPORT. HE WENT ON THAT TO BEST OF DEPARTMENT'S KNOWLEDGE USG HAD RECEIVED NO SUCH NOTE. HE ALSO ASKED THAT WE BE INFORMED IF USSR HAD RECEIVED THE ALLEGED EGYPTIAN NOTE. TARASENKO AGREED TO QUERY MOSCOW AND OPINED THAT GROMYKO MAY DISCUSS MATTER WITH SECRETARY IN GENEVA.

2. EGYPTIAN DCM WAHAB SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED MATTHEWS TO ASK WHETHER WE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT AL AHARAM STORY AND MATTHEWS REPEATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD TARASENKO. WAHAB SAID EGYPTIAN EMBASSY ALSO KNEW NOTHING ABOUT ALLEGED QUOTE NOTES UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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